CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH HAZARD ASSESSMENT

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF FINAL REPORT

EVALUATION OF POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF EATING FISH FROM SELECTED WATER BODIES IN THE NORTHERN SIERRA NEVADA FOOTHILLS (NEVADA, PLACER AND YUBA COUNTIES): GUIDELINES FOR SPORT FISH CONSUMPTION

The California Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Environmental Health Hazard Assessment (OEHHA) previously made available two drafts of the report entitled Evaluation of Potential Health Effects of Eating Fish from Selected Water Bodies in the Northern Sierra Nevada Foothills (Nevada, Placer, and Yuba Counties): Guidelines for Sport Fish Consumption. The report represents an evaluation of findings on mercury in fish from Lake Englebright, Lake Combie, Camp Far West Reservoir, Rollins Reservoir, Scotts Flat Reservoir, and sections of the Bear River, South Yuba River and Deer Creek, and provides guidelines for limiting consumption of fish from these water bodies. A one-day public workshop was held at the Nevada Irrigation District office (Grass Valley) to discuss the scientific basis for the report and consumption guidelines, and to receive public comment. OEHHA follows the requirements set forth in Health and Safety Code, Section 57003(a), for conducting the workshop and receiving public input.

OEHHA has since revised the report as appropriate in response to review comments from the public at the workshop and during the two public review and scientific comment periods. OEHHA is making the final document available at the OEHHA Web site http://www.oehha.ca.gov. A copy of the report is also available by calling (916) 327-7319.

If you would like to receive further information on this announcement, or have questions, please contact Dr. Robert Brodberg using the information provided below.

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